

Listing of the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows and replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application with the following listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for searching data comprising:
generating a temporally ranked set of search results of network-based data in response to a query, the step of generating the temporally ranked set of search results comprising:
generating an initial set of search results;
identifying a first portion of the initial search results having creation dates after a pre-determined threshold date;
identifying a second portion of the initial search results having creation dates before the pre-determined threshold date;
identifying in-links associated with each search result in the ~~second~~second portion of the search results;
associating a time-based weight with each identified in-link using at least one of a creation time and a publication date for an in-linking source containing that in-link;
assigning an ~~aging factor~~ rate of decay to each time-based weight; and
ranking the second portion of the initial set of search results using the time-based weights and assigned aging factors associated with each search result to generate the temporally ranked set of search results.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the initial set of search results comprises using reputation based factors or content based factors.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~aging factor~~ rate of decay comprises an exponential decay rate.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of assigning the aging

factor further comprises using in-links from in-linking sources associated with a newer group of the identified in-links associated with the second portion of the search results to in-linking sources associated with an older group of the identified links associated with the second portion of the search results to determine the aging factor.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising obtaining time and date information about each in-linking source from meta content associated with that in-linking source.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking the first portion of the initial search results based on a reputation associated with authors of each result, a reputation associated with a repository where each result is located or a combination of author and repository reputation.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking the initial set of search results based upon the reputation or content of each result.
9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing a computer executable code that when read by a computer causes the computer to perform a method for searching data comprising generating a temporally ranked set of search results of network-based data in response to a query, said step of generating a temporally ranked set of search results comprising:
 - generating an initial set of search results;
 - identifying a first portion of the initial search results having creation dates after a pre-determined threshold date;
 - identifying a second portion of the initial search results having creation dates before the pre-determined threshold date;

identifying in-links associated with each search result in the ~~second~~^{second} portion of the search results;

associating a time-based weight with each identified in-link using at least one of a creation time and a publication date for an in-linking source containing that in-link;

assigning an ~~aging factor~~ rate of decay to each time-based weight; and

ranking the second portion of the initial set of search results using the time-based weights and assigned aging factors associated with each search result to generate the temporally ranked set of search results.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the ~~aging factor~~ rate of decay comprises an exponential decay rate.
11. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the step of assigning the aging factor further comprises using in-links from in-linking sources associated with a newer group of the identified in-links associated with the second portion of the search results to in-linking sources associated with an older group of the identified links associated with the second portion of the search results to determine the aging factor.
12. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 9, further comprising obtaining time and date information about each in-linking source from meta content associated with that in-linking source.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising ranking the first portion of the initial search results based on a reputation associated with authors of each result, a reputation associated with a repository where each result is located or a

combination of author and repository reputation.

15. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
offering a service to customers that generates a temporally ranked set of search results from network-based data in response to a query, the temporally ranked set of search results utilizing a time-based weight associated with each in-links to each result in the set of search results to rank the search results and an aging factor assigned to the time-based weight, the time-based weight associated with each in-link based on at least one of a creation time and a publication date for the in-linking source containing that in-link; and modifying one or more parameters of the service in response to customer input.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the parameters comprise rate of phase-out of old data, decay rate, temporal criteria, reputation ranking techniques or combinations thereof.
17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein further comprising modifying the parameters based upon the topic or repository being searched.